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Attorney Docket No.: 98-119

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: WALKER et al.

Serial No.: 09/345,092

Filing Date: June 30, 1999

For: VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM  
AND METHOD FOR  
ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE  
OF PROFITABLE ITEMS) Examiner: J. Young  
) Group Art Unit: 3622  
) Attorney Docket No: 98-119  
) Customer No.: 22927  
) Notification of Fee Status Change  
) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.27

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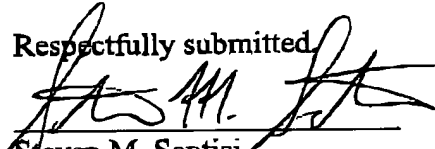
Dear Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified application no longer claims large entity status. This notification is made pursuant to 37 CFR §1.27.

If the Examiner has any questions about this status change, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (203) 461-7054. While no fees are believed due in connection with this paper, please charge any fees that may be required for this paper, or with any other papers filed in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

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**Re: Patent Application Serial No.: 09/345,092**  
**Attorney Docket No.: 98-119**  
**Titled: "VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENCOURAGING**  
**THE PURCHASE OF PROFITABLE ITEMS"**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**(General - Patent Pending)**Docket No.  
98-119In Re Application Of: **JAY S. WALKER et al.**Serial No.  
09/345,092Filing Date  
June 30, 1999Examiner  
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Title:

**VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE OF PROFITABLE ITEMS****TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is:

**Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), 2 pp., (x2);**  
**Response to the Final Office Action Mailed January 24, 2002, 12 pp.;**  
**Assertion of Small Entity Status, 1 pg.; and**  
**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, 1 pg., (x2).**

in the above identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
98-119

In Re Application Of: **JAY S. WALKER et al.**

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Invention:

**VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE OF PROFITABLE  
ITEMS**
**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 24, 2002 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: April 24, 2002
*Date*

until:

July 24, 2002
*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☒ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:


**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	44 -	44 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	8 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$460.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$460.00</b>

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